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NEW YEAR'S resolutions for small business owners

Small Businesses are the backbone of the Aruban economy (it is this for most other countries also). And, like everyone else, it is important for Small Business owners to not only do a product inventory at the start of a new year, but more importantly to do a personal inventory....serious reflection on areas of accomplishment. Take stock of the areas where desired results were not achieved in 2011.

As we close out 2011 and look forward to welcoming in the New Year, there is no better time than right now to reflect on the past year. Our reflection must include the failures and successes of the year past. Then, the next step ought to be to design a firm list of resolutions you need to make to get 2012 off to a great start. You know that a good beginning is the fuel that keeps the wheels spinning towards a successful ending.

Let me give you my simple list of 9 resolutions to make to get your 2012 off to a successful start. These resolutions ought to be personalized, in other words, they must be owned by you with a determini-

nation to follow through, no matter what!

1. I will stop complaining about how bad the economy is:

The world is in dire straits socio-economically, most countries...the USA, England, Europe is still staggering out of the economic fallout of two years ago. Aruba needs to face the fact that the current economic situation is the "new normal." Nonetheless, no matter how bad the situation is, there are definitely a few new prospects that can help grow your business in the New Year. Complaining will do no good, finding creative ways to succeed is what is needed most.

2. I will only sell what customers want:

During better economic times, customers do buy "extras, nonessentials" But, in tough times, you do well to discover your customers' concerns by surveying them in January and asking where your business can help them the most. The focus should then be



on selling what your customers actually want, not what you think they need.

3. I will get rid of employees that do not increase profit:

Decide to not continue to hold on to employees who are bad performers, who don't make the effort to help you reach your income goals. This year determine to do whatever is necessary to rid yourself of those who do not contribute to your bottom line. Of course you will do this in the most proper and least damaging manner possible.

4. I will not lower my price to substitute a real marketing strategy:

Have confidence in your own product and refuse to lower your price to so-called win business. Focus instead on prospects that value the problem your company solves for them. Let your competitors fight the price wars.

5. I will become more "hands-on" with customers and vendors:

Stop relying on email and the phone as an exclusive way to talk with customers. Stop being guilty of the "sin" of so many business owners....they never make personal contact

with their customers directly.

Even in a social media world, deep and long lasting business relationships are still built in real life. Customers still want that personal chat and personal touch...that is what brings them back again and again!

6. I will invest in me and learn at least one new skill.

It is to be applauded that many companies spend some money on training their employees in one or other areas. But, you'd be surprised to find out that the vast majority of business owners never take any training themselves. They somehow think, at least it seems this way, that "old dogs cannot learn new tricks." They are totally wrong! For one, you cannot ever be compared to an old dog, and you are more than capable of learning many new tricks...if you decide to apply yourself. So, this ought to be the year you invest in yourself, the year you become proficient in an area where you know you are weak or inexperienced.

7. I will take time off for family and self:

Business people's professional and personal lives are constantly merged in the course of their business operations. Decide now that this year you will take time off for your family and for your self. Plan to take a vacation this year without your computer or work cellular. Get the rejuvenation your mind, body and spirit crave after months of intensive business exploits. Another very healthy practice is

a month without your work cell phone.

8. I will become proficient in my businesses financial statements:

You'd be shocked to know that many business owners do not understand their own financial statements. They rely completely on a bookkeeper or accountant or a CFO for their financial accounts. It may be necessary to delegate this work to a professional. But, you ought to understand completely how your finances work and be able to read and understand your profit and loss, balance sheet and cash flow statements. You must decide this year to learn all there is to know and understand about your financial statements and to use them as a guide for the future progress of your business

9. I will applaud myself for being a Small Business owner:

Celebrate the fact that you had the courage and know-how to start a small business. Celebrate this year, the fact that you created a company, that you are helping your customers and employees through your business. Applaud yourself for being the future of Aruba in a real sense!

Forgive me for such a long article, but I just had to share this with you today. Resolutions are good and if we can keep them that is even better yet. Let's try to keep them anyway!

Also, learn to trust God for all the needed wisdom and know-how of operating a business!

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Aruba Tourism Authority enjoys a well-earned end of year celebration



Dancing in the streets to celebrate the end of year

Aruba's streets are already strewn with the tell-tale red

streamers that are the residue of traditional end of the year fireworks, as numerous businesses and offices performed this ritual yesterday to mark the close of business for the year 2011.

Pagaras, the strings of firecrackers that count anywhere from 5,000 to in the millions could be heard throughout Oranjestad beginning just before

noon, and Aruba's tourism marketing entity, the ATA also added their contribution, as they closed their doors on

a landmark year.

ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes welcomed tourism partners and media for a special celebration the newly privatized ATA; she expressed heartfelt thanks to staffers and stakeholders for their hard work and support, stating that the year ended very satisfactorily. ATA had reached their goal in regards to the reorganization, even exceeding their other objectives for this first year.

Hard working ATA executives and staffers enjoyed a champagne toast and dancing to the lively regional music of Rincon Boyz, with the festive celebration ending with a blizzard of noise from their first official pagaas a private entity within the government.



ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes and ATA staffers

tourism partners, the Aruban people and island visitors all the best in the coming year.

by Rosalie Klein



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An oath of ethical professional behavior

By: Roland W. Peterson

For years the tourism stakeholders: hotels, AHATA, ATSA, ATA etc. are complaining about the illegal constructions or illegal activity on the beaches, especially at the Palm Beach area.

They are always complaining that the government does not undertake any action, let stand with an iron fist. Apparently the iron fist is often referred to some individuals on the beach.

Then suddenly the government after giving several warnings, woke up and then ... not with an iron fist, but with an iron monster (bulldozer) demolishes an illegal standing construction/building.

The situation was tense already and this demolishing just added fuel to the fire.

First the tourism stake-

holders wanted action, but when the action came it was not what they expected.

Maybe I am missing out on something, so I will try to analyze and see what can be done to avoid these unwanted situations.

First of all there should be a better communication. DOW, ATSA and AHATA had to sit at the table and iron out these differences.

AHATA and ATSA should be informed what is going to happen, so that when it happens there are no surprises.

Neither DOW, ATSA or AHATA should take up the position of Pontius Pilot. If they do, this is not correct.

Then there is the legal side of the story.

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2012 – The End of Days? - Humbug!

The brouhaha over December 21, 2012 as the end of days reminds me of my stock answer I would give to vacationers to Aruba when asked about shark attacks, "It is good for selling movie tickets but has little to do with reality."

Anyone with concerns and Internet access, (and who doesn't have both these days?) can find instant relief with a few seconds of research. Though many religious fanatics who would welcome the end of days tout the Mayan "Long Calendar" as proof of its arrival, respected Mayan scholars debunk the entire concept that it is indicative of the arrival of cataclysmic events, and flatly state "the idea the world ends in 2012 misrepresents Maya history and culture."

Those looking to reinforce their world-ending beliefs state the alignment of celestial bodies will precipitate such events; however, astronomers and other scientists have rejected this as pseudoscience, stating it is contradicted by simple astronomical observations.

Harold Camping has predicted the end of the world more than once this past year alone and surprise! It didn't happen...but he did make quite a profit on it. One really has to wonder about all these people so eager to believe the end of life as we know it is coming. Are their lives really that terrible? So many are not poverty stricken or homeless, or have experienced true tragedy, and yet they are so ready for this world to end; why?

The finish of the Mayan Long Calendar, when taken in context of their culture, is a natural progression of civilization, according to Mayan scholars, and not what is asserted by those with eschatological beliefs. "We have no record or knowledge the Maya would think the world would come to an end" in 2012," stated Susan Milbrath, curator of Latin American Art and Archaeology at the Florida Museum of Natural History.

"For the ancient Maya, it was a huge celebration to make it to the end of a whole cycle," said Sandra Noble, executive director of the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies. The 2012 phenomenon, she said, is "a complete fabrication and a chance for a lot of people to cash in."

"There will be another cycle," said E. Wyllis Andrews V, director of the Tulane University Middle American Research Institute. "We know the



Maya thought there was one before this, and that implies they were comfortable with the idea of another one after this."

We do live in a world in turmoil at present; however we need to look to ourselves and our actions to find the cause of the problems, not point at a calendar that is thousands of years old and declare these troubles are "pre-destined." There is a saying, "If you only talk about problems, you will only have problems; talk about solutions and you will have solutions." This pretty much sums up how one can face life - you can be a complainer and do nothing, or get pro-active and do what is needed to overcome obstacles.

anyone who knows the history of THE MORNING NEWS, (which you will find on our website www.themorningnewsaruba.com) knows our tight little group here at the paper is the latter.

One thing about being in the news business is it allows us the opportunity to hear stories of individuals and families who have known unimaginable adversity and emerged from tragic circumstances with the most positive and upbeat outlook on life. We have reported on them in our pages, and learned from them as well to greatly appreciate our good fortune. Two years after beginning this undertaking we are still going strong, and our situation improves daily. The paper is moving forward and evolving into something Aruba needs: an English newspaper authentically delivering factual local news; we are having many English-speaking residents

coming up to us and complementing us on where we are going with our content.

We are also looking to the future (beyond December 21, 2012!) and seeking to make the most of modern technology to further convenience our clients; there is no longer a need to only search for your printed copy of our paper. Subscribe on our website and a link will be sent to your e-mail inbox daily as soon as an issue goes online; there is absolutely no cost, and for a limited time, subscribers will be eligible to win roundtrip airfare for two to Bonaire with Tiara Air. Raffle and photo contest details are on our website. Submitted photos win prizes, extra raffle tickets and will be printed in our paper.

2012 promises to be a momentous year; a U.S. presidential election is coming up, and the blizzard of rhetoric has already begun. Aruba's tourism industry has been steadily recovering from the effects of the 2008 global financial crisis; we will see how we fare the influences of an election year, which have been traditionally negative. It is expected for growth to continue, as island tourism entities industriously work towards that goal; however how small, this should further enforce our optimism for Aruba attaining that all important concept on everyone's lips these days: sustainability.

We wish all our readers a very happy end of the year – or should we say beginning of a new one-celebration and a 2012 filled with happiness and solutions.

By Rosalie Klein

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An oath of ethical professional behavior

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Answer is "yes". Do you have to wait for almost "forever"? The answer is "no".

Unfortunately many people complain that they have to wait too long to get an answer from the government. So what they do is start the construction without permission. Is this permissible?

The answer is "no".

So what should they do then? Get a lawyer and rappel their request and then let the judge decide.

Can the government with-

out previous action/warning, suddenly demolish the construction. Again according to me, the answer is "no". If the government is aware of a situation where a construction is being built and during the construction did nothing, then the government cannot after many years suddenly decide to demolish this construction. This can be an illegal act by the government. One can bring this case before a judge to decide. If the government was aware, and they should be, that

an illegal building was being erected, then they had to intervene before the construction was completed and all the costs were made.

So even if the government has a right to "bulldoze" down a construction, there are ways to go about it. One cannot and will not understand, why 374 palapas can be build without permission and a decent well constructed building has to be demolished.

There is an oath of ethical professional behavior.

Labour Party (PvdA) leader Job Cohen says he will seek confrontation with Geert Wilders' Freedom Party in the coming year.

"The sooner this cabinet falls, the better," Mr Cohen said yesterday. The PvdA leader argues that the announced additional budget cuts heralds in "a new phase" which will force Wilders - whose party supports the minority VVD-Dhristian Democrat (CDA) government - to "choose between power and his supporters".

"Wilders shouts to cover up", Mr Cohen said. "He co-

Quotes of the week

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"The North's brainwashing is so strong that I found myself crying at the news of Kim Jong-Il's death even though I defected years ago and have publicly said I hate him."

-- Lee Hae-Young, director of the Seoul-based Association of North Korean Defectors, on North Korea's propaganda machine

FEAR FACTOR FADES

"The authorities are scared because we are no longer scared."

-- Former chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov, speaking during a mass protest in Moscow, one of the biggest since Vladimir Putin came to power in 2000.

CONSPIRACY THEORY

"Would it be that strange if they had developed technology to induce cancer without anyone knowing about it?"

-- Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez suggests the United States could have devised a way to transmit cancer to Latin American leaders, after Argentina's Cristina Kirchner becomes the latest to be diagnosed with the disease.

UNLUCKY IN LOVE

"He has been terribly unhappy and I have therefore ended the marriage."

-- Irish singer Sinead O'Connor announces her fourth marriage has ended after 16 days, adding she still considers Barry Herridge a "wonderful man."

Cohen lashes out at Wilders

vers up what's going on and all those things he should accept responsibility for." Cohen calls Wilders "a power-hungry politician to the core".

According to Cohen, the PvdA "has had a difficult year". He claims this is mainly due to Labour Party support for the cabinet's handling of the euro crisis and for the pensions agreement.

Geert Wilders reacted saying: "Great, how funny." He claims Cohen "feels for his own position as leader of the Party of the Arabs" (pun on PvdA).

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Could Obama pay a price if Iraq spirals?

HONOLULU (AFP) - Fears that Iraq will spiral into instability and slip under Iran's sway may foreshadow an election year row over President Barack Obama's core political achievement: ending the war.

Obama, currently on vacation in Hawaii, built his politi-

cal career on early opposition to the 2003 US invasion, capturing a public mood which helped propel him to the White House five years later.

So when he brought the last US soldiers home this month, he touted a promise kept in extricating the United States

from what critics see as a grand folly.

But long-time war supporters have questioned whether rising sectarianism and instability bubbling up after the US exit could undercut Obama's hopes to use the withdrawal as proof of sound national secu-

rity judgment.

"The question of the moment is not: 'Who lost Iraq?' but rather, Is Iraq definitely lost?" wrote Frederick and Kimberly Kagan in the Weekly Standard.

"It certainly seems so."

Frederick Kagan was an architect of the surge strategy enacted by president George W. Bush which, if it did not provide the United States "victory" in Iraq, allowed US troops to leave without the stigma of defeat.

Obama argued that American sacrifices forged an Iraq that was "sovereign, stable, and self-reliant."

But recent violent attacks, signs of revived sectarianism, a fragile governing coalition and fears of growing authoritarianism on the part of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki have challenged that view.

In a New York Times op-ed Thursday, leading members of the Iraqiya bloc accused Maliki of hounding Sunni opponents.

"The prize, for which so many American soldiers believed they were fighting, was a functioning democratic and nonsectarian state," they wrote.

"But Iraq is now moving in the opposite direction -- to-

ward a sectarian autocracy that carries with it the threat of devastating civil war."

So if Iraq tips into the mire, will Obama's eventual Republican opponent in next November's election have reason to bash his commander-in-chief spurs?

Or will Americans credit their president with getting American troops out of the deepening maelstrom and out of harm's way?

Republican hawks imply Obama has squandered the legacy of the nearly 4,500 US troops who fell in the Iraq war.

"All of the progress that both Iraqis and Americans have made, at such painful and substantial cost, has now been put at greater risk," Republican Senator John McCain said in December.

Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney attacked Obama in a recent interview with Fox News Sunday, saying that the withdrawal was "precipitous" and that up to 30,000 US troops should have been left behind.

Top Obama administration officials dismiss the idea that a residual US force would have increased US leverage in Iraqi politics.

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Jamaica opposition wins landslide vote



Jamaica's first female prime minister and the leader of the left-leaning People's National Party (PNP) Portia Simpson Miller.

KINGSTON (AFP) - Jamaica's leading opposition People's National Party has won a landslide election in a vote driven by concerns about crime, corruption and poverty on the picturesque Caribbean island.

Preliminary results late Thursday indicated the left-leaning party had won 41 out of 63 constituencies, giving it a resounding majority and showing the door to Andrew Holness, 39, the country's youngest-ever prime minister.

Within hours of polls closing, local media had called the PNP's victory, and PNP leader Portia Simpson Miller, the designated prime minister, delivered an acceptance speech vowing greater transparency.

"You will know everything. We will never hide anything from you. Now you have a government you can trust," she told jubilant supporters.

Miller, who became the first female prime minister in 2006 but narrowly lost a re-election bid the next year, promised a "partnership with you, the Jamaican people, a partnership with the private sector, the media and civil society."

She said Holness -- of the center-right Jamaica Labor Party (JLP) -- had called earlier to concede defeat and offer his congratulations, describing his mood as "gracious."

In an interview carried live on national radio and television, Holness said his party would start campaigning for the next election -- due in five years -- "tomorrow morning."

Turnout was high in the palm-fringed former British colony of three million -- the birthplace of reggae icon Bob Marley -- where voters' chief concerns were crime, corruption and unemployment.



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Could Obama pay a price if Iraq spirals?

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And Marina Ottaway, of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said the view that troops equals influence was false.

"Even at the height of the surge, when we had more than 140,000 US troops in Iraq, the US was never able to force or convince the Iraqi politicians to do things that they didn't want to do," she said.

The Obama administration notes that it took months for Iraqi leaders to form a coalition after 2010 elections, so political dislocation is nothing new.

And they argue that attacks in Iraq -- like the blasts that killed more than 65 people last week -- were a common occurrence even when large numbers of US troops were

there, so cannot be pinned on the US departure.

Even if Iraq does badly deteriorate, it is unclear whether Americans will blame for the legacy of a war that was so politically divisive.

And even hawks do not advocate sending US troops back into Iraq.

"The only real issue that people care about is the econ-

omy," said Ottaway.

"Americans have long since put the Iraq war behind them. Nobody wants to hear about it."

In a Zogby poll in September, 74 percent of Americans asked said the US withdrawal was a positive development, compared to 13 percent who disagreed, suggesting that for now at least, Obama is on solid political ground.

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675 Pakistan 'honour killing' victims: commission

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - At least 675 Pakistani women and girls were murdered during the first nine months of the year for allegedly defaming their family's honour, a leading human rights group said this week.

The statistics highlight the scale of violence suffered by many women in conservative Muslim Pakistan, where they are frequently treated as second-class citizens and there is no law against domestic violence.

Despite some progress on better protecting women's rights, activists say the government needs to do far more to prosecute murderers in cases largely dismissed by police as private, family affairs.

"A total of 675 women and girls were killed in the name of honour across Pakistan from January to September," a senior official in the Human Rights Commission of Pak-

istan told AFP. They included at least 71 victims under the age of 18.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is unauthorised to speak to the media, said figures were still being compiled from October to December, and that a full report would be released in February.

The Commission reported 791 honour killings in 2010 and there was no discernible decrease this year, the official added.

Around 450 of the women killed from January to September were accused of having "illicit relations" and 129 of marrying without permission.

Some victims were raped or gangraped before being killed, he said. At least 19 were killed by their sons, 49 by their fathers and 169 by their husbands.

Rights groups say the government should do more to en-

sure that women subject to violence, harassment and discrimination have effective access to justice.

Ali Dayan Hasan, Pakistan director at Human Rights Watch, told AFP that the state's inability to enforce rule of law, leaving matters in the hands of tribesmen and local elders, was a major factor.

"We have a system in Pakistan where the state and judicial recourse are absent and the vacuum is filled by local elders," he said.

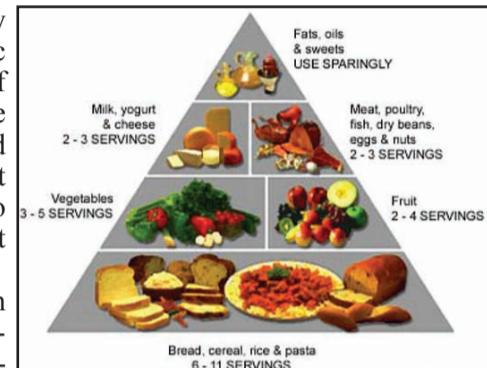
"A combination of legal reforms, exercise of administrative authority and social awareness can greatly help check the honour killings," he added.

Earlier this month, a Belgian court sentenced four members of a Pakistani family to prison for the murder of their daughter and sister, who defied them by living with a Belgian man and refusing an arranged marriage.

Health Tip: Opt for a Healthy Weight-Loss Plan

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RIM share of US smartphone market slips

(AFP) - BlackBerry maker Research In Motion's (RIM) share of the US smartphone market declined during the three months ending in November, while Apple and Google's Android platform both made gains, industry tracker comScore said.

Android was the top smartphone platform with a 46.9 percent share of the US market at the end of November, up from 43.8 percent.

Apple's market share also rose during the period -- by 1.4 percentage points to 28.7 percent.

Microsoft, meanwhile, saw its share of the smartphone market fall to 5.2 percent from 5.7 percent.

The industry tracker said 234 million Americans were

using mobile devices and 91.4 million were using smartphones.

Samsung remained the top handset manufacturer in the United States with 25.6 percent of US mobile subscribers at the end of November, up from 25.3 percent at the end of August.

LG was next with 20.5 percent, down from 21.0 percent, followed by Motorola with 13.7 percent, down from 14.0 percent.

Apple's share of US mobile subscribers rose to 11.2 percent from 9.8 percent while RIM saw its market share drop to 6.5 percent from 7.1 percent.

RIM has been struggling in recent months and has been the subject of persistent takeover speculation.

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There is no doubt, all well-meaning citizens would love to do their part for their community and beyond if they had the time or money; some are fortunate to have excesses of disposable income and do what they can for the needy, unfortunately, too few, but this again, does not apply to the average person.

As the Internet has grown and changed how we communicate, are entertained, and yes, donate to charity, we are faced with a blizzard of donation requests, many of which are possible scams, (especially after a particularly horrendous disaster) or mean well, but again, funds "get diverted" so how are we to truly discern where to put our few spare pennies, or help, when we don't even have those?

There is free website organization called "Netted by the Webbys" – Better Living through the Internet – and if you are not familiar with this particular service, it is most definitely worth a look at <http://netted.net/> to see the ten of thousands of sites they have discovered and investigated for legitimacy and worthiness.

You can subscribe and receive a bulletin daily in your e-mail box informing you of sites (some free, some at a fee) that will provide a myriad variety of services to make your life or work easier and more productive, or as in the case of yesterday's mis-

sive, some of the best ways to contribute to the world community without digging into your pocket, and even while having some fun.

Examples:

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3. NEIGHBOR-GOODS – "Charity starts at home – especially if you have a lawn mower. NeighborGoods connects lenders and borrowers, reducing the need for everyone to own snow blowers, hedge clippers, sewing machines, and other items you'll probably use sparingly."

4. ECOSIA – "Many keywords yield the same search results. But unlike most engines, Ecosia puts those results to work, donating 80 percent of its profits to

the World Wildlife Fund's efforts to preserve rainforests. Simply click on a sponsored link or two and presto: You've found your site and done your part."

5. THE VIT-TANA PROCESS – "Trying to turn a profit is to 2009. Next year, put your money to better use with Vittana. The microloan site specializes in helping underprivileged students get a higher education. Recipients automatically repay the money into your Vittana account once they get a job – and 99% do."

These are five examples of how each of us can help save our rainforests, feed hungry people, educated and assist those with cancer or a neighbor who needs a tool we may have, or vice versa, and even contribute to the education of a needy young genius who might change the world, or an average guy who will at least get a better job and life. All this can be done while simply surfing the net; I personally have already bookmarked Ecosia and plan to use it for all my searches from now on.

As a new year approaches, it is natural to reflect on how we can improve our lives, our community, and what affect can one obscure individual have in making it a better world? It has been demonstrated in abundance over the past years that the Internet has the power to inform and unite; take advantage of the information where your small action can combine to do some real good or just find some neat, innovative app that is just what you have been looking for – check out <http://netted.net/>.

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- Dance cost, in the '30s
- Madonna movie role
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- "A Corinthian, ___ of mettle" ("Henry IV")
- Influential person
- Units
- Symbol of servitude
- Thinks about a big lottery win
- Where one's goose gets cooked
- Depict
- Bids
- Fixed
- "Kind of ___" (1967 song)
- On the briny
- Slacken
- The burr under one's saddle
- Clark and Cochran, e.g.
- Sherman's starting point
- The White Album's lack
- Top: prefix
- ___ and bull story
- Combat locale
- "I ___ Light"
- "Decline and Fall" historian
- Rusty ___ (cocktail)
- Black-and-white snack
- Dawns
- Roseanne's sometime

surname

- Clarinet's cousin
- Shouted
- To be, in Bordeaux
- Russo of "Tin Cup"
- He rode Scout
- TV producer Norman
- Part of TA: abbr.
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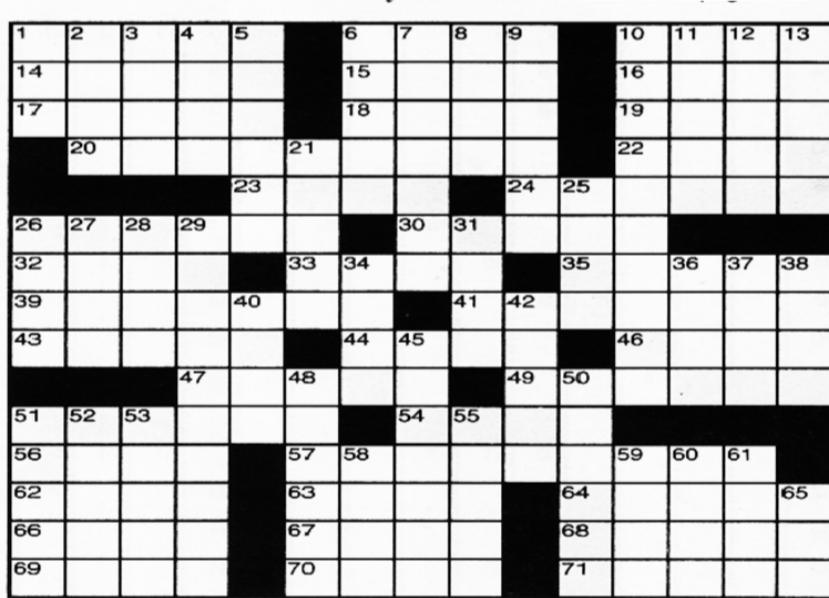
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- Morales of "Rapa Nui"
- Witches' need in "Macbeth"
- Peon, perhaps
- Sweet
- Bald ___ egg
- Comb stopper
- Emulate Durer
- Autumn tool
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- "___ with Love"
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Steve Agnes's "Bewitched" role

- Chooses by vote
- "Hollywood Square" George
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Madrid to New York: the year of Western protest



NEW YORK (AFP) - From Spain's "indignados" protesters to Occupy Wall Street, 2011 was the year when people power, fueled by frustration at a deepening financial crisis, confronted the Western world's elites.

Initially it was the drama in North Africa that gripped the world, starting with Tunisians ousting president-for-life Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, then sweeping unstoppably -- and increasingly bloodily -- through Egypt, Libya, Syria and Yemen.

But unrest, albeit non-violent, was also erupting on the

rich side of the Mediterranean as Europeans, copied later by Americans, lost patience with soaring unemployment, financial chaos and governments' inability to find a solution.

By the end of the year Time magazine would ditch its singular "person of the year" for the collective protester, declaring "a contagion of protest."

Greeks had already begun large-scale demonstrations in 2010 against austerity measures meant to save their collapsing economy.

Then on May 15 this year, Spaniards sparked a new phase by launching the "indignados" or outraged movement against youth unemployment and budget cuts, but also political corruption -- a theme that struck a chord with voters across the West.

Tent camps sprang up and the Puerta del Sol area in Madrid saw huge demonstrations, peaking in June with a gathering of 200,000 people.

As in subsequent protests around the world, the leaders were university-educated youths inspired by the Arab uprisings and making heavy use of social networking tools like Twitter and Facebook.

Similar protests began in Greece on May 25, where demonstrators camped in the center of Athens to highlight crippling national debt and a crisis of confidence in elected officials.

When a hitherto unknown movement called Occupy Wall Street set up camp in New York in September -- again, fronted by young, media-savvy activists -- it pronounced itself the latest link in a single chain.

"Arab Spring, European Summer, American Fall," the OWS slogan proclaimed.

Unlike the desperate struggles against dictators in the Arab world, protests in Europe and the United States were largely bloodless.

But there was plenty of desperation at the apparently growing divide between ordinary people and their political or financial rulers.

Britain experienced dramatic unrest of a different sort in August -- rioting and looting by youths communicating via Twitter in London and other cities.

To this day there is little consensus on whether the mobs were criminal or were, in their own way, expressing discontent at the elite's grip. What that heated debate has exposed, however, is that anger at the financiers and their political allies is widespread.

And not just in Britain.

September saw 400,000 people march through Tel Aviv

and other Israeli cities, while Occupy Wall Street in New York inspired copycat camps across the United States, in neighboring Canada, London and as far away as Sydney.

Although relatively small, the US protests ended up attracting the most attention, coming at a time when the media and politicians were gearing up for the 2012 presidential campaign.

Ingenious use of social networking tools and attention-grabbing actions, such as noisy marches around the New York Stock Exchange, helped spread a message encapsulated in the slogan "Banks got bailed out, we got sold out."

The OWS movement was widely criticized for an absence of clear demands and it lost some steam after a string of mayors, including in New York, evicted the tent camps.

However, the movement's overall claim to represent "the 99 percent" against the super rich "one percent" won broad support in polls and has already changed the national debate.

Campaigning in Kansas a few weeks ago, President Barack Obama spoke very much like an OWS protester himself.

"For most Americans, the basic bargain that made this country great has eroded," Obama said. "Those at the very top grew wealthier from their incomes and investments than ever before."

According to a new report by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the gap between the rich and poor is the biggest for 30 years worldwide, led by countries as diverse as Mexico and Britain.

With significant protests against the status quo bubbling up in Russia and China just as the year closed out, it seems that refrain about the 99 percent versus one percent won't die away soon.

"Loathing and anger at governments and their cronies became uncontrollable and fed on itself," as Time magazine put it in honoring the unrest.

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French health insurer files complaint



PARIS (AFP) - France's state health insurance fund has filed a fraud complaint against a company that sold hundreds of thousands of allegedly faulty breast implants around the world.

It also emerged Friday that the firm's founder and his children were in the process of creating a new company to take over the operations of the now-defunct Poly Implant Prothese (PIP) when the implant scandal erupted.

Prosecutors in Marseille said the National Health Insurance Fund (CNAM) had filed the complaint for aggravated fraud after French authorities advised 30,000 women to have their PIP implants removed

because of an increased risk of rupture and agreed to pay for the procedure.

The prosecutors' office said the case being taken by the CNAM would allow it "to eventually demand compensation", adding that its complaint would be jointly investigated with others.

Prosecutors in Marseille, near PIP's laboratory at Seyne-sur-Mer on the Mediterranean, have received more than 2,500 complaints from French women who received the implants and are pursuing a criminal investigation.

Officials had earlier said the cost of removing the implants

could reach 60 million euros (\$78 million) and that the state would seek compensation.

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Parents Guide to Skin Protection



It's important to protect your children's skin from the damaging effects of the sun. No matter what they're doing or what time of year it is, if they are outdoors, they need to be protected.

Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.

Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.

- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.

•Play in the Shade. The



sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

•Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

•Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

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Indian stars under fire after MCG debacle

NEW DELHI (AFP) - Indian media on Friday lashed out at the country's famed batting line-up for letting the team down in the opening Test against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

Chasing a 292-run target on Thursday, India failed to cope with Australia's pace attack as they were shot out for 169 despite the batting experience of Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Venkatsai

Laxman and Virender Sehwag.

"Melbourne Meltdown" said a Times of India headline after the tourists' 122-run defeat.

"Those expecting India's much-vaunted batting line-up to give Australia a run for their money were disappointed when Dhoni and Co surrendered without even putting up a semblance of a fight," the paper wrote.

Former India paceman

Javagal Srinath said the tourists could fight back.

"Saddled with the reputation of being poor starters overseas, India did precious little to rectify the anomaly in the Melbourne Test," he wrote in the Hindustan Times.

"Barring England, where nothing went right for them, India have bounced back after first-Test losses. There is no reason, given the experience and quality of the India batting, why they can't do so again in Sydney."

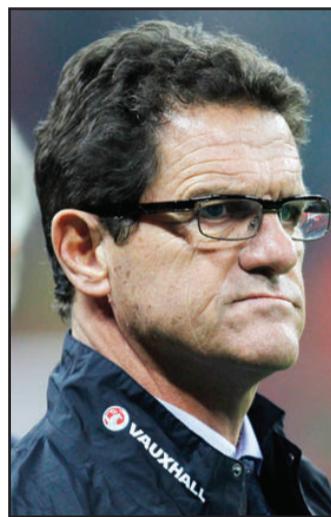
The second Test starts in Sydney on January 3.

The year that was in cricket



Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar (C) celebrates with teammates as he holds the trophy after beating Sri Lanka in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2011 final match at The Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on April 2, 2011. India defeated Sri Lanka by six wickets to win the 2011 World Cup. (AFP photo)

Capello urges UEFA to act on player poaching



(AFP) -- England coach Fabio Capello says UEFA must act to stop top European clubs poaching young players from other sides and wants the European governing body's head Michel Platini to stem the tide.

Capello is concerned rich top sides are creaming off youngsters for their own academies after their home clubs have made the initial investment in training them.

"More players are being bought when they are very young by richer teams because if a family receives an offer for their son that will bring a lot of financial support, they will be willing to move abroad and change their living habits," said Capello.

"It's a fine line and a rule needs to be put in place because clubs are scouting all over the world and stealing players from each other," Capello added.

"I think Uefa should pass new rules to allow clubs to reap the reward from the seed that has been sown instead of seeing their talents leave when the player receives a major offer," he said.

"I have spoken to Platini, and I am sure that in the future clubs will be forbidden to steal players away when they are still very young," Capello, attending the Dubai International Sports conference, was quoted as saying by newspaper thenational.ae.

Capello noted that the issue is not just one which exists at club level but also international level.

When England crashed out of the World Cup to Germany last year the German side contained a dozen players who could have represented a different country, including star man Mesut Ozil - of Turkish origin - and strikers Miroslav Klose and Lukas Podolski, who could have played for Poland.

Neither Turkey nor Poland, shorn of such potential talents, qualified for the World Cup.

Some famous Sports quotes

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Djokovic, Ferrer to clash in Abu Dhabi final

ABU DHABI (AFP) - David Ferrer stunned fellow Spaniard Rafael Nadal in straight sets on Friday to set up a final showdown with world number one Novak Djokovic at the \$250,000 three-day exhibition tournament here.

Ferrer took advantage of a below-par Nadal, winning 6-3, 6-2, after Djokovic had earlier demolished Swiss Roger Federer 6-2, 6-1 at the Mubadala World Tennis Championship.

Two-time defending champion Nadal blamed a shoulder injury as the world number two trailed from the outset going 5-0 down in the first set.

"I was not in my best condition. I had a little trouble

with my shoulder in the last month, but David was fantastic," said Nadal.

"Rafael has not been able to practice much because of his shoulder," said Ferrer.

"But I played very consistent and was happy with my match."

Earlier Djokovic showed no signs of the back and shoulder injuries which hampered his final months of last season as he took just 44 minutes to dispatch world number three Federer.

"Definitely an incredible performance. Lots of confidence if I continue playing like this," said Djokovic, the winner of three Grand Slam and five Masters titles for a 70-6 winning record last season.

Cowboys, Giants duel for playoff berth in finale

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(AFP)--The race for the AFC West is between Denver and Oakland.

Denver host Kansas City, and while the Chiefs' playoff hopes were extinguished last week, the contest gives Kansas City quarterback Kyle Orton a chance to deny Denver, the team that cut him five weeks ago.

"We knew it was a possibility," Broncos executive John Elway told the Denver Post of the chance they'd face Orton. "So, here it is. We made that decision knowing this was a possibility. Now we have to do it."

If the Broncos win or Oakland lose to San Diego, the Broncos will clinch the division.

If both Denver and Oakland win, the Raiders can still seize a wild card -- provided other results fall their way.

Tennessee -- who visit playoff-bound Houston -- and the New York Jets -- who play at Miami -- also main-

tain slim hopes of advancing.

Less than a week after New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees broke Dan Marino's 27-year-old record for passing yards in a season, the Saints will try to make sure he keeps the mark and get a win over Carolina that could give them a first-round bye.

To get that, they would also need San Francisco to fall to lowly St. Louis.

New England quarterback Tom Brady could eclipse Brees's new single-season yardage record of 5,087 when the Patriots host Buffalo. But Brady, who goes into the game 190 yards behind Brees, says he's more focused on getting a victory and securing the top seed in the AFC.

Other games see Detroit at Green Bay in a battle of playoff-bound teams, Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Washington at Philadelphia, Chicago at Minnesota, Indianapolis at Jacksonville and Seattle at Arizona.

PSG name Ancelotti as new coach



PARIS (AFP) - Italian Carlo Ancelotti was on Friday named the new coach of Paris Saint-Germain on a two-and-a-half year deal, but former England captain David Beckham has still not committed to the big-spending Qatar-backed French club.

The 52-year-old former AC Milan and Chelsea boss takes over from Antoine Kombouare, who stepped down earlier Friday, and his first competitive game will be a French Cup last-64 tie away to Brittany amateur outfit Locmine on January 8.

Ancelotti is now in place to fly out to the Middle East with the first-team squad on Sunday for a four-day winter training camp in Qatar and Dubai.

It has been reported that Ancelotti, twice a Champions League winner in his time with Milan, would become the best-paid coach in the history of the French game with an annual salary of between six and seven million euros (\$7.8m-\$9m).

Ancelotti - who won the Champions League twice both as a player and as a coach with AC Milan - announced former France international midfielder Claude Makelele, who played at PSG till retiring at the end of last season, would be his assistant.

Beckham's agent on Friday denied media reports that the former Manchester United star - whose main remaining ambition is to play for the British football team in next year's London Olympics - had signed for the Parisian club.

"There is no agreement with PSG at this time, an offer does not make a contract, we continue to hold negotiations with a number of clubs," 19Management said in a statement released by the SEMP public relations company.

"No decision has been made and we do not expect one at the moment."

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Basketball great Jordan engaged



CHARLOTTE (AFP) - Michael Jordan, the NBA Hall of Famer who is now majority owner of the league's Charlotte Bobcats, is engaged to marry longtime girlfriend Yvette Prieto, a spokeswoman confirmed Thursday.

The 48-year-old Jordan and 32-year-old Prieto -- a Cuban-American model -- have reportedly been dating since 2008. No wedding date has been announced.

Jordan has been married before. His 17-year marriage to Juanita Jordan ended in divorce in 2006. They have three children.

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Durant buzzer beater lifts Thunder over Mavs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AFP) - Kevin Durant's buzzer-beating three-pointer gave Oklahoma City a 104-102 NBA victory over Dallas on Thursday that left the reigning champion Mavericks without a win in three games this season.

Durant finished with 30 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. Russell Westbrook and Serge Ibaka contributed 16 points apiece as the Thunder overcame 26 turnovers to improve to 4-0 in the lockout-shortened season that began on Sunday.

Dallas, who defeated the Thunder in last season's Western Conference finals, fell to 0-3.

"We're making some strides, we forced a lot of turnovers," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "But mak-

ing progress and being the team you need to be are two different things."

Dirk Nowitzki, the Most Valuable Player of the NBA finals as he led the Mavericks past Miami in the championship series in June, led Dallas with 29 points and 10 rebounds.

At times the Mavericks displayed the fluid offence that took them to their first league crown.

They erased a five-point deficit in the final minute, Nowitzki feeding Vince Carter for a three-pointer that gave Dallas a 102-101 lead with 1.4 seconds to play.

NBA scoring champion Durant had given Carter room at the top of the arc to make the shot, so he was especially pleased to have a chance to make up for that error.

Cowboys, Giants duel for playoff berth in finale

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - The Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants cap the NFL regular season on Sunday with a do-or-die duel for the NFC East division title and a playoff berth.

It's one of three division titles up for grabs on the final day of the regular season, and the Cowboys say they're more than ready for the showdown, despite quarterback Tony Romo's painful bruised hand.

"Confidence? If you don't have any confidence, you shouldn't be here," said linebacker Bradie James. "We're confident. It's win or go home."

However, the Cowboys have lost four of their past five against the Giants.

And the last time the Cowboys were in a similar situation, in 2008, they



played the Eagles in Philadelphia with the last NFC wild card berth at stake Philadelphia won 44-6.

The Giants have plenty of confidence as well.

"If we play a complete game from beginning to end, we'll pitch a shutout. That's our goal," linebacker Mathias Kiwanuka said.

The AFC North and AFC West division titles will also be decided Sunday, along with an AFC wild card spot.

In the AFC North, Pittsburgh and Baltimore are both assured of playoff berths, but one will emerge as division champions one as a wild card.

Pittsburgh face a Cleveland team already eliminated from playoff contention.

The Ravens face Cincinnati, who can claim a wild-card slot with a win.

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